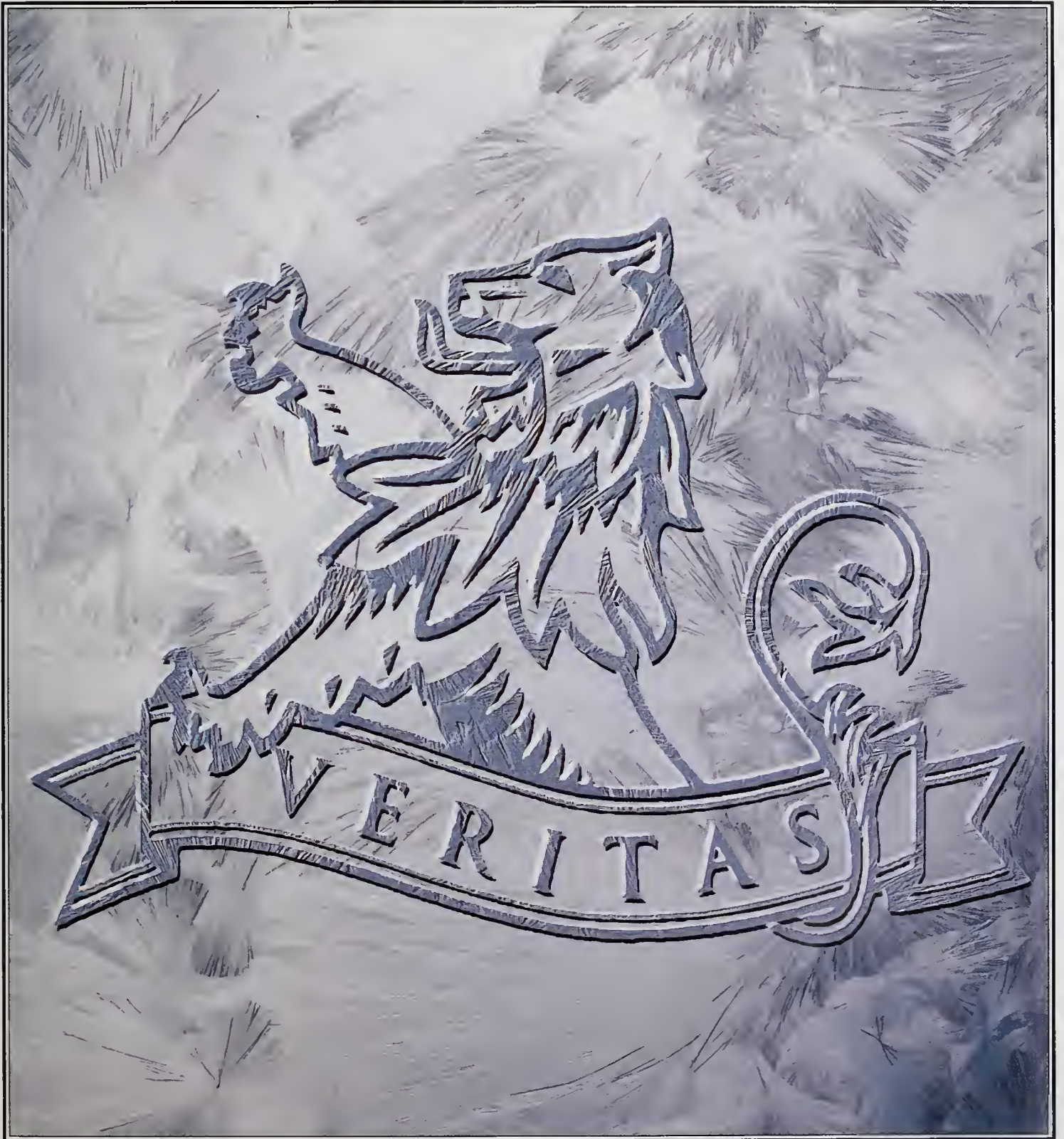


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## The Journey, not the Arrival

The home page of the Selwyn House Web site bears the following quote from Irish poet William Butler Yeats: "Education is not filling a bucket, but lighting a fire." At Selwyn House School we maintain that education is a lifelong process that is never complete.

We must remember that achievement is also an ongoing process. If we are to fulfill our potential, we must keep our attention on the present and not be distracted too much in thinking about what has already been accomplished, or what we hope to accomplish in the future.

That is what our students are taught at Selwyn House School, and that is how we—the administration, the staff and the school community at large—must guide ourselves, also. Success requires that we keep our focus on quality at all times, even as we plan for continuous improvement.

We are now engaged in an ambitious undertaking to prepare our school for the future. We are presently in the final stages of raising funds to improve and expand our facilities while, at the same time, maintaining enrollment at current levels. If all goes according to plan, construction of a new building of more than 32,000 square feet will begin this summer. This will greatly enlarge and modernize our facilities while maintaining our enrollment and present class sizes. This new structure will house a new library/learning centre, underground gymnasium, classrooms, computer department and staff offices.

When this phase of construction is complete, we will renovate the existing Lucas Building, increasing classroom size to create a better learning environment, and creating a larger and more efficient dining area.

To finance this project, we have launched a Capital Campaign under the theme of "Making Room for the Future." This campaign has already been a significant success, with \$8.6 million of our \$10.5 million goal having already been raised. This has been the "quiet phase" of the Campaign, appealing to foundations, corporations and other major donors. Now we embark on the more



William Mitchell,  
Headmaster

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*"The day-to-day business of the School does not stop while we contemplate the future. Students continue to learn, and continue to reach the heights and win the acclaim for which Selwyn House School has become noted."*

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high-profile portion of the campaign, directing our appeal to the greater Selwyn House community.

This project embodies the future of Selwyn House, and it is a bright future, indeed.

Meanwhile, life goes on. The day-to-day business of the School does not stop while we contemplate the future. Students continue to learn, and continue to reach the heights and win the acclaim for which Selwyn House School has become noted.

Their accomplishments during this school year alone are remarkable. This past fall, the Senior Gryphons overcame early-season injuries to win the coveted GMAA Juvenile Football banner.

In Greater Montreal Athletic Association competitions in January and February, the Selwyn House cross-country skiing team took both the Bantam and Juvenile banners.

At a province-wide competition of the Quebec Association of Independent Schools in February, Grade 9 student Josh Goldsman came in second out of fifteen competitors.

As a result of placing first and second in Toronto, two members of our Senior Public Speaking team, Daniel Wilner and Luke Reid, are now off to the Worlds competition in Reading, England.

In addition to these extraordinary achievements, every day Selwyn House students accomplish the work that their academic schedule requires, the ongoing labour of acquiring a first-class high school education. We hope that they graduate feeling not that they have completed a task, but that they have begun a lifetime in the pursuit of knowledge and enlightenment.

With all the planning and fund raising that are going on, we must not divert our attention from the daily tasks at hand. This is what we teach our students, and what we, in turn, learn from them by example: that one's plans for tomorrow must not distract us from the demands of the day.

For, after all, the journey, not the arrival, is the stuff of which our lives are made.

**Official Launch!**

# Alumni Division of the Capital Campaign

**S**elwyn House has taken on an ambitious project and we'd like you to be a part of it. We want to expand and renovate our campus so that our students can benefit from the best possible facilities. We are in the midst of a capital campaign that has already raised \$8.6 million of the \$10.5 million required to construct a new building and renovate the existing ones. The goals of this project are: to enlarge classrooms, create a modern learning centre which will include a new library and computer centre, convert the Lucas Gym into an upgraded auditorium and enlarged dining room, provide a tunnel between the Macaulay Building and the new building, build a new underground gymnasium, create more free space for special studies and projects, and enhance scholarship endowment funds.

The donations raised to date, during the "quiet phase" of the campaign, have come from a variety of sources: foundations, corporations, current and former parents, current grandparents, staff, friends, and alumni. It is now time to inform all Old Boys about the plans for the future of Selwyn House School. With over 2,000 active addresses in our data base, we will be contacting all Old Boys for their help.

Clearly, the Selwyn House community needs your support if we are to honour the legacy left in our care and ensure the highest quality of education for the students who will follow. We now invite you to invest in our school's future by making a significant gift to our project over the next five years. In doing so, you will make a lasting difference to many young lives.



## **Making Room for the Future**

*A close-up of the architect's model showing how the new building will blend into the existing Selwyn House campus. The proposed building, shown at left, will connect to the west end of the Lucas Building and will be linked via a tunnel to the east end of the Macaulay Building. Once the new building is complete, renovations in the Lucas Building will begin.*

# \$8.6 million raised – \$2 million to go!

This Campaign has done as well as it has because of the support you and many other Selwyn House friends have given to the School, but we still have a big challenge ahead to raise the remaining \$2 million in the next 16 months. With your help, Selwyn House will achieve its goal of "Making Room for the Future."

|                        |                               |                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Foundations            | \$4,215,303                   |                     |
| Current Parents        | \$2,364,862                   | (35% Participation) |
| Corporations           | \$830,000                     |                     |
| *Alumni                | \$756,774                     |                     |
| **Past Parents         | \$252,301                     |                     |
| **Current Grandparents | \$177,000                     |                     |
| Faculty/Staff          | \$44,339                      | (77% Participation) |
| **Friends              | \$5,650                       |                     |
|                        | <b>Total Pledges Received</b> | <b>Goal</b>         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$8,646,229</b>            | <b>\$10,500,000</b> |

\*Alumni Division: Official Launch—Spring 2001  
 \*\* Friends Division (Friends, Past Parents & Grandparents): Official Launch—Summer 2001

## We'll be in touch...

- Headmaster William Mitchell will be sending you a letter and a brochure with details of the "Making Room for the Future" Capital Campaign.
- In his letter to fellow Old Boys, Capital Campaign Cabinet Co-Chair André Desmarais '73, will invite you to participate in the Alumni Division of the Campaign.
- Selwyn House Old Boys will be calling you to tell you how you can get involved.
- Following on the successful information night recently held in Boston, similar get-togethers are planned for Toronto and New York.

## Decade Representatives

- 1930s to 1950s William Daly '52
- 1960s Michael Goldbloom '69
- 1970s John Hallward '78
- 1980s Michael Penner '86
- 1990s Prosanto Chaudhury '91

## Calling all Callers

The School is hiring a small team of recent graduates to help us contact the 2000 alumni we have in our database. If you are able to commit to three nights of calling per week from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., please consider this job. We are looking for friendly, personable representatives of the School who can lead Old Boys through the donation process.

Please call James F. McMillan, Director of Advancement, at 514-931-9481, ext. 269, or by e-mail at [mcmillan@selwyn.ca](mailto:mcmillan@selwyn.ca), if you would like more information on how to apply for these positions.

# Alumni FEATURE

## Selwyn House class of '88 forms basis for study of Quebec's own 'brain drain'

BY RICHARD WILLS, EDITOR

If the Selwyn House graduating class of 1988 is typical, then Quebec is suffering a "brain-drain" of its own that may be worse than the one being experienced by Canada as a whole.

This was the conclusion of a study that formed the basis of an article by Matthew Stevenson '88 that appeared in the October issue of *Policy Options*, a journal published by McGill University's Institute for Research on Public Policy.

Stevenson, himself, is an example of this phenomenon. After graduating from McGill in Economics, he went to Arizona State University, where he attained an MA and PhD in Political Science, writing his dissertation on the NAFTA agreement. He is now working as an analyst for William M. Mercer in Washington, DC, and living in Arlington, Virginia.

His study, undertaken in the spring of 2000 with the help of fellow Old Boy Eugene Dimitriou '88, indicates that political factors in Quebec are pushing the best and brightest young men out of the province, to elsewhere in Canada and to other countries. According to Stevenson, this trend is as prevalent among young, educated francophones as it is among anglophones.

"The historic trend has always lured talent away from Canada to the US," Mr. Stevenson told *Veritas*, pointing out that levels of immigration from Canada to the States were much higher a century ago than they are today. "The difference between then and now," he says, "is the education level of the people who are leaving."

Attend a Montreal high school reunion, and you'll find that discussion of living conditions in the US, Britain and Toronto have all but replaced reminiscences about one's alma mater, Stevenson wrote in *Policy Options*.

Surveying their own class at Selwyn House, Stevenson and Dimitriou learned that, ten years after graduation, only one-third of their classmates still lived in Quebec. "Nearly half had moved to the United States, while one-sixth,



*Matthew Stevenson '88 at his former desk at the University of Arizona.*

including all the MDs, were living in Ontario," Stevenson wrote. "Those who migrated had, by a wide margin, achieved a higher level of education...than those who stayed."

Surprisingly, this trend crossed the lines of language ability, with perfectly bilingual students being just as likely to leave Quebec as those who spoke limited French.

In the past forty years, 610,000 persons have left Quebec, Stevenson says. "The decade-by-decade loss has exceeded the southward migration of Canadians to the United States."

"Since 1963 the province has suffered a net loss in residents as a result of inter-provincial migration," Stevenson wrote in *Policy Options*. "Before then, it had enjoyed a net gain."

"On a per-decade basis, the province loses as many citizens to the rest of Canada as Canada as a whole loses in permanent immigrants to the United States."

Why are they leaving? Stevenson's analysis points out that the periods of greatest emigration coincide with "periodic flare-ups in Quebec's cultural laws and referenda on sovereignty."

During that same period, the annual GDP of Ontario

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## Brain drain

began to outstrip that of Quebec, whereas, before the mid-1960s, the two provinces had been economic equals.

Ironically, Stevenson observes, the general downturn in the Quebec economy has also forced many francophones to leave the province in search of greener pastures, a trend which works against Quebec's aspirations for greater autonomy. If many of these mobile francophones were educated at public expense, the cost to Quebec's economy becomes even greater, he points out.

Stevenson's own career is a product of the Quebec brain drain. He finished his Bachelor's degree in 1992, at a time when unemployment was especially high in Quebec. "Most of us who went to the US to study stayed there," he says. "The standard of living was higher, and taxes were lower. It was also a total bonus that we didn't have to deal with the Quebec thought police and such. I still have memories of when someone phoned in a bomb threat to the school, claiming that they were from the FLQ. Who needs that? Best of all, you didn't have to pay most of your paycheque to a govern-

ment that openly admitted to discriminating against you."

Rather than echo the common complaints among his classmates about overcrowding and high costs of living in a place like New York City, Stevenson says those factors generally indicate a higher standard of living and income than what can be found in a place where there is less demand for housing.

"As for crime, that's the kicker," Stevenson admits. "That's the one thing I really miss about Canada: being able to walk anywhere, anytime. The District of Columbia is more like 'two solitudes' than any city I have ever lived in, including Calcutta.

"So long as sovereignty and language laws are used as blackmail to try and squeeze concessions out of the rest of

Canada, French culture and Quebec as a whole will face enormous barriers to growth," Stevenson says.

"If more focus were put on making French Canada a normal place to live, with less xenophobia, Quebec might be able to reverse the trend. Until then, in my opinion, it will revel only in its past glories and drive away its children."

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## What do you want to be?

### *Seventh Annual Career Day*

for Grade 9–11 students

April 4 – Guest Lecturers at SHS

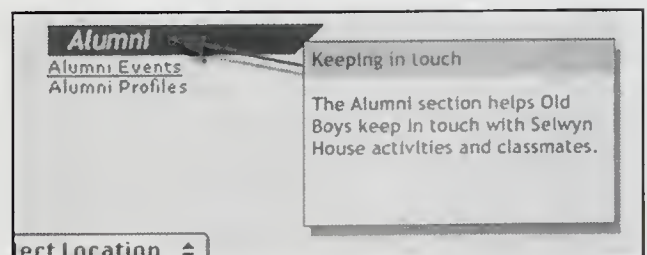
April 5 – Workplace Tours

This two-day event offers Senior students the opportunity to learn about the interesting careers of Old Boys and parents.

For more information,  
please contact April Wong,  
Secondary School Assistant,  
at 931-9481, ext.239, or at [wonga@selwyn.ca](mailto:wonga@selwyn.ca)

## You haven't signed up yet?

Please visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca)  
and click on the Alumni page (see below).  
Register your e-mail address on the Alumni Directory.  
You choose your password, and we list  
your name with all of your former classmates.



## What are you waiting for?

# Still no substitute for hard work, even for electronic composer and DJ

BY RICHARD WILLS, EDITOR

Nothing ensures success like a good, old-fashioned work ethic, even if you are on the cutting edge of the avant-garde computer-generated electronic dance-music scene. So says Tiga Sontag '90, who just put out his second CD, owns his own record label, has owned a retail music store since 1994, is part owner of a Montreal dance club, and tours in Europe and the US as a DJ, performing for crowds of up to 10,000 people.

"I have kids come up to me and ask me how I got started, and I firmly believe it comes down to work ethic and how badly you want something," he says.

After graduating from Selwyn House, Sontag went on to study history at McGill. Nine years ago, however, his career took on a direction of its own that had little to do with his formal studies.

While travelling in Europe he discovered the world of electronic dance music, and he jumped in with both feet. "I saw an opportunity to spend all your life working with something you love, and I grabbed it," he recalls. "It still doesn't seem like work at all, and I just turned 27."

He was described in a recent cover story in *Mirror* as "Montreal's electronic music kingpin...who's been at the forefront of this city's underground dance scene since the early 90's."

Sontag says he was bitten by the performing bug while at Selwyn House. "I was always into the drama programme; Talent Show day was probably my favourite day of the year."

Even though he makes his living partly as a composer, Sontag does not play a musical instrument. He creates either by composing a piece note by note directly from his computer, or by taking snippets of existing music, adding special effects, and superimposing them onto electronic dance rhythms.

Working live, DJs use two or more turntables along with a drum machine and various effects modules. They mix



*Tiga Sontag '90 as he appeared on the cover of Mirror. Photo by Marek Vogel.*

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songs on the fly, so that one track runs seamlessly into the next with no interruption of the beat. A DJ's job is to programme an entire 12-hour party for thousands of people. DJs have now become artists in their own right,

commanding high fees for their work. Sontag, himself, has recently returned from bookings in New York and Helsinki.

Though it's been around for decades, electronic music has become extremely popular in the past few years, becoming a global phenomenon, thanks to the Internet. Sontag's own label has released 14 CDs by artists from Germany, Scandinavia, and New York, as well as Montreal.

While computers have made the process of creating music more efficient, the down side is that they have also made it easier for the market to be glutted with mediocre product. "I embrace it all," he says of the new technology, "but it's a bit like 'live by the sword, die by the sword'." Sontag says that sales in his record store suffered when it became easy for fans to download music free from the Internet. On the other hand, the

## Composer, DJ

Internet has given his own music an even greater global exposure.

"In a way, the free exchange of information on the Internet works to the advantage of the independent label," he figures. "We can now compete. If 500 kids are going to copy my tracks and mail them to one another, I just have to look at it as promotion.

"I wish I had some better musical training," Sontag admits. "I wish I had been with Mr. McMillan. I did clarinet for a year, but I was pretty horrible at it. I wish I had spent more time and worked a little harder at it. I wish I could play the guitar or piano. I'm sure I would be a better composer for it. But, at the same time, all these things are tools, whether it's a computer or a guitar."

More important than one's choice of tools is the desire to succeed, he figures. "With anything involving the entertainment industry or Web design or film or new media, I'm very close to the source now, and what I

see is that training falls way behind how badly you want it and how original and creative you are. It's very much a do-it-yourself ethic. I know people who are running multi-million-dollar record labels, and every one is self-taught.

Even myself—I have zero business training and I run four fully functional corporations.

"That's what you have to learn—at Selwyn House or in education in general—how to persevere, whether writing a paper or doing a project or whatever, just an understanding of how much work it does take to complete anything on any level.

"I employ people. I see what's out there in the real workforce, and I personally feel I worked harder in Grade 8 than I see people working now who are making \$100,000 a year.

"If you take the amount of time and energy that you put in at a place like Selwyn House, and you put that into something you love, then you will be successful."

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## Alumni Events Calendar 2001

**Capital Campaign – Making Room for the Future**  
Go to [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) and check out the "Future" link and see the new construction plans for Selwyn House. Information sessions for alumni will be organized in the spring. We hope to see you in Toronto, New York, and Ottawa, to tell you all about it.

**Tuesday, May 22 – Old Boys' Tennis Tournament**  
Call now to reserve your court for the Second Annual Old Boys' Tennis Tournament which will be held at the Hillside Tennis Club. Three courts will be available to us for a doubles tournament. Reservations are limited to sixteen players. Dinner to follow.

**Monday, May 28 – Old Boys' Golf Tournament**  
Calling all golfers! We're looking to put on an A-1 tournament this year. One hundred players minimum. Shotgun start. Golf and dinner at the Kanawaki Golf Club. See invitation on back page.

**June – Old Boys' Induction Lunch**  
The Old Boys' Board of Directors recognizes all new Selwyn House graduate students and welcomes them into the Old Boys' Association. At this time, Class Representatives will be announced. These people are vital in helping the school stay in touch with our newest Old Boys. Any Grade 11 student interested in being a Class Rep should contact Mrs. Sharon Cozens.

**Second Annual August Barbecue for Recent Grads**  
Old Boys from the classes of 1996-2000 are invited for a get together at the school before heading back to the books in September. Watch for your invitation this summer.

**Friday, September 14 – 24th Annual Old Boys' Reunion**  
If it's your 10th, 25th, or 50th reunion, start planning! The Classes of 1991, 1976 and 1951 will be honoured in September 2001. All other five-year classes will also be celebrating. A dinner at the School kicks off your reunion weekend.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, at 931-9481, ext, 228, [cozenss@selwyn.ca](mailto:cozenss@selwyn.ca).

# Speirs Medal honours the late Nancy Pitfield

BY RICHARD WILLS, EDITOR

Founder's Day 2000 at Selwyn House School was a celebration of volunteerism. The late Nancy Pitfield, recipient of the 2000 Speirs Medal, was a volunteer extraordinaire, and before the evening's activities were over it had been made clear to all that her spirit of warmth and generosity had touched many lives within the School community.

Selwyn House School Headmaster Will Mitchell began the Founder's Day proceedings by reminding the guests of the men who founded the School in 1908. In that year, Captain Algernon Lucas founded the School with seven students. In 1912, he sold the School to his friend, Mr. Colin Campbell Macaulay, who was headmaster until 1926. They had both attended Selwyn College, Cambridge, which is where Selwyn House got its name.

"Another person we remember today is Dr. Robert Speirs, who was Headmaster from 1945 to 1971," said Headmaster Mitchell. During Dr. Speirs' tenure, the School moved from Redpath Street to its present location. "Dr. Speirs was a great Headmaster and a great leader of independent education," Mr. Mitchell explained. "It is in his memory that the Speirs Medal is presented each Founder's Day to the person who the Board of Directors feels has made a significant contribution to the School over the years."

As a fellow Selwyn House volunteer, parent Mary Knecht recalled instances in which she was touched by Nancy Pitfield's flights of philanthropy.

"They say angels walk the earth," Mrs. Knecht began. "I met one."

Once, she said, while the two of them were standing in line at McDonald's, without a word of warning Mrs. Pitfield suddenly ordered 25 hamburgers and drinks. "I thought she had lost it," Mrs. Knecht confided. With a mischievous grin, Mrs. Pitfield grabbed the food and walked outside to Father Johns' "Dans La Rue" motorhome, which she had spotted parked nearby. She saw to it that the homeless young people got a good meal that night.

Another time, in spite of being wracked with pain from her fight with cancer, Mrs. Pitfield learned that the food baskets at a local church were nearly empty. On the spur of the moment she ordered Mary Knecht to get her car and



*Selwyn House Board Chairman Michael Goldbloom '69 (left) presents the 2000 Speirs Medal to Senator Michael Pitfield, widower of the late Nancy Pitfield.*

join her at Club Price, where Mrs. Pitfield proceeded to load both vehicles with food for the baskets.

She was, Mrs. Knecht said, an embodiment of "selfless love, and charity in action. A simple, small kindness can touch a life."

Selwyn House teacher Peter Govan remembered Nancy Pitfield as an enthusiastic cheerleader at nearly all Selwyn sporting events, as well as being the driving force behind the School's annual Garage Sale. "Her ability to coax people into volunteering to help was uncanny," Mr. Govan recalled.

"Nancy had many special qualities, but her

ability to make you feel comfortable and important stood out. We were lucky to have her as a friend."

The most touching tribute to Nancy Pitfield, naturally, came from her husband, Senator Michael Pitfield. "We're very proud of her in our family," he said. "Our recollections of her accomplishments and her qualities are part of her heritage that we, as her family, most cherish."

Senator Pitfield described his late wife as someone who had discovered the importance of volunteerism in our community. She had a long career in nursing and led a life full of fascinating challenges.

She was raised in a home with three elderly uncles who were Presbyterian ministers. "It was quite a discursive group," the Senator recalled. "This explains Nancy's diplomatic and managerial skills, as well as her sense of humour. Nancy always loved to laugh.

"I'm sure she's enormously bemused now," Senator Pitfield continued, "sitting up there somewhere, very touched at what you've done for her.

"Our experience with all of you has been one of admiration for what you have accomplished and what you stand for, and for what this institution has managed to accomplish. On behalf of Nancy and our children I thank you all from the depths of my heart for what you've done for us."

Continuing with the theme of volunteerism, Headmaster Mitchell pointed out some of the recent fundraising accomplishments of Selwyn House volunteers.

"Eight years ago, the Garage Sale netted about \$8,000; this year, the Fall Event netted \$89,000," he said. "One hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been raised by the

## Pitfield

School since September.”

This year, with the Terry Fox Run alone, the School raised \$27,000, the most that has been raised in thirteen years of participating in the Run. Through this effort, the School has given over a quarter of a million dollars to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Headmaster Mitchell concluded the program by pointing out how Nancy Pitfield had touched the broader community.

He read from an e-mail message he received recently from David Williams, Head Prefect of the Class of 1995. “I think that everyone who knew Mrs. Pitfield was improved

by her in some way,” David wrote. “I simply cannot imagine a better choice for the Speirs Medal.”

“Good communities are built over time by the commitment, generosity and warmth of exceptional volunteers like Nancy Pitfield,” Mr. Mitchell concluded. “She was a pioneer. She had no idea what her efforts would spawn.

“People like Nancy Pitfield, who was so warm and so unassuming, have tremendous impact. They don’t realize it at the time, and sometimes we don’t realize it until after they are no longer with us. She never sought the recognition she has earned tonight. But she deserved it, and the School is honoured to remember her in this way.”



*Above, the Pitfield family. From left: Katie, Tom '93, Senator Michael, and Caroline. Below, standing, Dr. Prosanto Chaudhury '91. Seated, from left: Francie Montgomery, Shirley Martoni, Sue Khan, and Renée Starkman.*



*Above, from left: Alumni parents David and Tassy McEntyre with Susan and Norman Lord. Below, from left: Mr. Peter Dedicik and Mrs. Sandra Guinness, with SHS teacher Peter Govan.*



## 23rd Old Boys' Reunion spotlights classes of 1950, '75, '90

A lot of hard work on the part of some key Class Reps made for a successful evening at the 23rd annual Old Boys' Dinner on September 15. Approximately eighty Old Boys were joined by former and current staff members, plus no fewer than four past and present Headmasters (Alexis Troubetzkoy and William Mitchell from SHS, Geoff Dowd from Trafalgar School, and Brian Porter from Strathcona Tweedsmuir). Mr. Jonathan Herman '80, Vice-President of the Old Boys' Association, acted as MC for the evening, filling in for President William Daly '52, who was attending the wedding of his son Grant '82.



*Still crazy after all these years. Above, the class of 1990. Below, the class of 1975. At left, Mr. Ivan Phillips and Mr. Justice William McKeown of the Class of 1950, with a portrait of their headmaster while at Selwyn House, Dr. Robert Speirs.*

The Reunion Committee for the Class of '75, consisting of Jim McLean, Robert Marie and Murray Steeves, wrote letters to classmates, found lost Old Boys, and organized a weekend of events for all those who attended (80-per cent turnout rate). Nametags with original yearbook photos identified all those celebrating 25 years. Out-of-town Old Boys from '75 included: Nicholas Rose and Luigi Deghengi from England, John Harcourt from California, Monroe Lanier III from Alabama, and John Finnamore from Montana.

As after-dinner speaker, Jim McLean spared no one as he roasted teachers from his era



## Old Boys' Dinner



Above, Michael Penner '86 toasts the School; above right, Jamie Ritchie '88 and Carl Brabander '88; at right, former Headmaster Alexis Troubetzkoy with Murray Steeves '75 and Luigi Deghengi '75; below, Donald Bloxam '76, Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, former employee Geoff Dowd, and Philippe Panet-Raymond '76.



and reminisced about times gone by. A tour of the Lucas Building and a slide show added to the nostalgia of the evening.

The next day's activities included baseball at Murray Hill, basketball in the gym and a dinner with spouses hosted by Robert and Hélène Marie.

Mr. Ivan Phillips of New York and Mr. Justice William McKeown of Ottawa represented the Class of 1950. Mr. McKeown spoke of his years at SHS; Mr. Phillips donated some of his School medals to the Archives.

Michael Henderson '90, who came from Boston for the event, spoke of classmates who have gone on from Selwyn House to be very successful, and how the School provided the foundation for their careers. The friends and experiences from their Selwyn House days were the best of their lives so far, he said.

A great meal, lively speeches, and lots of shared memories... that's what reunions are all about.





From left: Luke Reid, Daniel Wilner and Adrian Gaty.

## Selwyn House sweeps public speaking

Victories are often sweet, but this one was phenomenal. Selwyn House's Senior public speakers succeeded exceptionally well at this year's annual International Independent Schools' Public Speaking League Tournament, one of the largest and most-respected high school tournaments in the world.

The public speaking team from Selwyn House School took top honours overall, and top honours among Canadian private schools at the competition, held at Royal St. George's College in Toronto on October 18 – 23.

Forty-nine three-student teams took part in the competition, comprising 146 students from independent schools in Canada, the United States, England, Scotland, Cyprus and Argentina. Each participant was required to compete in three out of a possible nine events.

Daniel Wilner took part in the After-Dinner Speaking, Interpretive Reading, and Newscast competitions, finishing in first, fourth and fifth place respectively, advancing to the finals in all three events and finishing third in Reading and second in After-Dinner Speaking.

Luke Reid entered the Persuasive Speaking, Interpretive Reading, and Impromptu Speaking events, finishing second in the last category, advancing to the finals and ultimately winning first place.

Adrian Gaty competed in After-Dinner Speaking,

Extemporaneous Speaking, and Parliamentary Debate, in which he finished in fifth place, advancing to the finals.

"The team's preparations were intense and intensive," says Daniel Wilner. "Speeches for the prepared rounds were drafted and then carefully crafted into their final forms through multiple revisions.

Deliveries were then perfected through constant rehearsal, no detail too minute for scrutiny. Even unprepared events—in which only the format, but not the topic, of the event is known before the round itself—were practised."

By finishing first in the Tournament in his overall scores, Daniel qualifies to compete in the World Championships at Queen Anne's School in Reading, England, in March 2001.

Luke's second-overall finish allowed him to advance to the National Championships in January in Winnipeg, where he placed second overall, thus earning a chance to join his teammate to compete at the Worlds in England.

"It was the depth of the three-man team together—each performing expertly in every round and in every event—that led to the team's finishing first," says the team's coach, Senior English teacher Kathi Biggs.

"We have placed in the top ten before, but this is an exceptional performance," says Selwyn House Headmaster Will Mitchell.



# Eleven students join Cum Laude Society



The Grade 11 students and recent Old Boys pictured at left were elected to the Cum Laude Society at the Selwyn House Founder's Day Assembly on November 22, 2000.

The new inductees are, from left to right: Geoffrey Spielman, Sasha Mandy, Thomas Constantinescu, Michael Gross '00, Steven Frankel, Matthew Finn, Andrew Sniderman, Daniel Wilner, and Chris Robinson. Absent from the photo are Alex Black and Adrian Gaty.

English teachers Kathi Biggs and Pat Shannon were also chosen to receive Cum Laude certificates in the same ceremony.

# Old Boys' Phonathon 2000 raises over \$9,000

Neither the World Trade Convention, nor the World Series, nor a federal election could prevent our Phonathon callers from getting together at the "Three Macs" (Macdougall, Macdougall, MacTier) to kick off our Annual Giving Campaign with the annual phonathon October 24 and 25.

It was great to see Old Boys volunteering their time and giving back to their school in the name of financial aid. A total of \$9,134 was raised over two nights of calling.

Still excited from the Old Boys' Reunion, organizers Jim McLean and Robert Marie campaigned while reminiscing about the reunion weekend.

First-time callers included Jonathan Goldbloom, '72, taking a break from his political obligations, and new members of the Old Boys' Board, Filip Papich '77, and Charles Porteous '84.

Thanks to all the veteran callers for joining us once again. A reminder to those who pledged: Please honour your pledge if you haven't done so already. Financial Aid is an important compo-

nent of our fund-raising activities and we count on everyone's support to enable deserving students to attend Selwyn House.



*Filip Papich '77 on the line.*

## PARTICIPANTS

Mike Avedesian '88  
 Mark Culver '74  
 William Daly '52  
 Chris Eich '97  
 Jonathan Goldbloom '72  
 Bryan Guinness '93  
 Brian Ludgate '69  
 Robert Marie '75  
 Tim Martoni '96  
 Paul Mayer '74  
 Patrick McEntyre '92  
 Jim McLean '75  
 Colin No '97  
 Toby No '97  
 Filip Papich '77  
 Michael Penner '86  
 Charles Porteous '84  
 Murray Stark '74  
 Michael Sanford '99  
 Anthony Zitzmann '89

# August barbecue draws in recent graduates



Last August, nearly forty Old Boys from the classes of 1995 to 1999 enjoyed a summer get-together before heading back to the books. Above, a group photo. Below, Jaime McMillan of the Advancement Office gives a detailed explanation of the School's new building project to John Macdonald '95, Francesco San Gregorio '95, Jordan Goldwarg '98 and Ian Ratzler '98. At right, father-and-son Old Boys Simon '90 and Brian Ludgate '69; below, Kevin Boyle '97 with his father, Selwyn House Science teacher Colin Boyle.



# Gryphons win Juvenile football championship



Above, from left, Roberto Brunetti, Phil Schaffer and Kyam Shell-Schnitzer unfurl the championship banner.

Below, the triumphant Gryphons send up a victory cheer after winning the championship.

This fall the Senior Gryphon Football team ended a long, great season by winning the juvenile city championship.

The season got off to a slow start with the loss of a key player, Tim Howick, who came back to make a major contribution to the running attack, helping the Gryphons pull out and win their last six games to capture the gold. Domenico Brunetti jumped in to help the running attack. This, along with his great kicking, was a key to several wins.

A young offensive line, Tim Rossy and Jon Munzar, led by Seniors Adam Rozencwajg, Faris Karim and Rayan Kaedbey, was one of the important things needed this year. In a playoff game, the loss of linebacker Roberto Brunetti was a blow, but Alex Bussandri filled in and played two ways to keep the team alive. Trevor Shannon, quarterback, went down with an ankle injury, but rebounded to lead the team to a championship. While he was out, Boule Nguyen stepped up and held the team together. Slotback Mitchell Sweibel had another great year.

The defence was anchored by the veteran play of linebacker Philip Schaffer and safety Matt Hendy. Rookie Marc Schwarz's key interception was the turning point in the championship game. The Gryphons responded with a scoring drive of ninety yards, including key catches by seniors Jonathan Merritt and Geoff Garbarino.

The juvenile football team has much to look forward to next year, as veterans Alex Bussandri, Scott McMillan, and Torrey Mitchell return.

Much thanks to coaches Mike Downey, Tom Downey, and to Head Coach Mike Maurovich.



## Old Boys' Hockey

# Nicoll Cup 2000 draws biggest turnout yet

BY TOM NICOLI

The 2000 Selwyn House School Alumni Hockey Tournament on December 22 was by far the biggest turnout to date for the annual event, with approximately sixty former players, staff members, parents and varsity players participating.

Using an ad hoc draft system, Jaime McMillan created five teams to compete for the cup. There was a blend of youth and experience on each team, with the presence of Kevin Ratcliff '77, Bryan Fitzpatrick '74 and a few father-and-son pairs. Like Gordie Howe, Skip Kerner got to play alongside his two sons, Matthew '92 and Jamin '94.

In the early going it appeared that the Kerner trio's Teal team would dominate, followed closely by the Blues, captained by the loquacious Mike Avedesian '88. The Red team also looked to be a threat, led by the staunch goaltending of Conrad Harrington 2000, the Carsley brothers (William '89 and Luke '91) and the over-dangerous Torrey Mitchell from this year's varsity team.

The Blacks and the Whites seemed to be over-matched and the hockey pundits were predicting a Teal-Red final. Of course, the Blues' Mike Avedesian objected loudly, and was certain his team would

capture the trophy for the second year in a row. The experts didn't realize that the Whites were saving themselves for the playoffs!

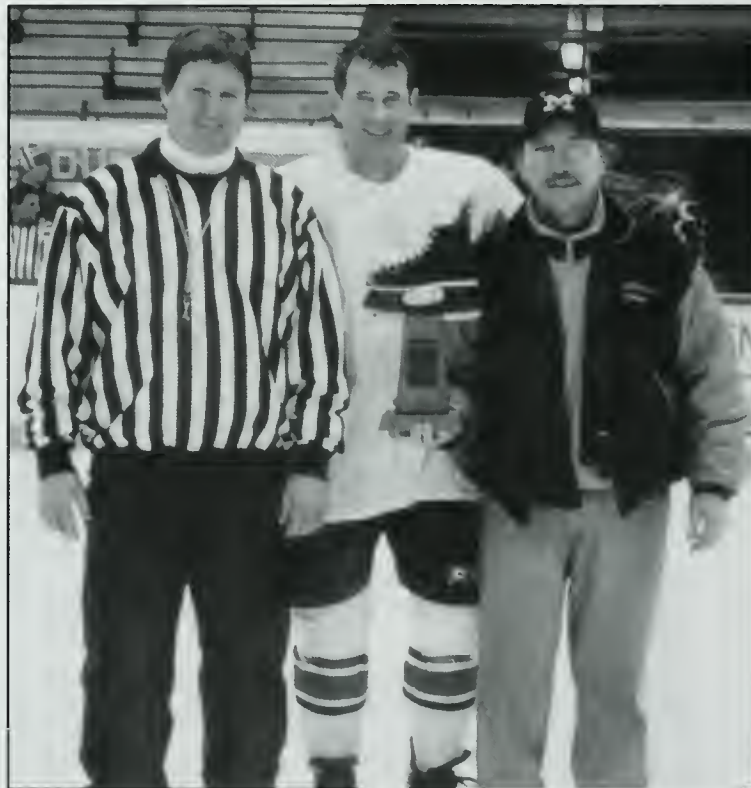
Led by the stellar goaltending of varsity goalie Thomas Evans, the Whites got progressively better. After a convoluted playoff system in which the heavily favored Teal team

was upset 1-0 by the underdog Whites, the Blacks and the Whites faced off in the championship game. In a well-played game that featured some excellent goaltending by Ben Sharp and Thomas Evans, the Whites would prevail with the winning goal being scored by Chris Churchill-Smith.

Veterans Rich Mezey '95 and John Mulder '88 led the Blacks' attack, but not even Mulder's legendary scoring feats could pull this one out. The steady Whites defence led by Josh Weisenthal '99 and Ben Wearing '94 stymied the Blacks' attack. It was a great final.

After the game, the players enjoyed pizza and beer, recounting and embellishing their Selwyn

House hockey careers. It was a great afternoon of hockey, and many thanks are extended to Steve Mitchell, Jaime McMillan and Sharon Cozens for all their work.



From left: referee and organizer Steve Mitchell, White Team Captain Craig Shannon, receiving the Nicoll Cup from Tom Nicoll.



Left, the father-sons Kerner trio: Jamin '94, dad Skip, and Matthew '92.

Other father-son pairs in the action included Craig and Trevor Shannon, and John and Christopher Rochon.

At right, Matthew Singerman '96.



## Old Boys' Hockey

## Nicoll Cup



*The final was all Black and White. Last year's winning Blues and the heavily favoured Teal team were both eliminated. In the end the Black team could not stop the underdog Whites, led by Captain Craig Shannon '71, who took the championship on a goal by Chris Churchill-Smith. The Blues were runners-up. For more photos, visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca).*

### PARTICIPANTS

- |                                    |                             |                               |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1994 – Mark Andermann              | 2001 – Matthew Hendy        | 2002 – Christopher Rochon     |
| 1988 – Michael Avedesian           | 1989 – Peter Higgins        | Parent – John Rochon          |
| 2001 – Samuel Avrith               | Parent – Skip Kerner        | 2002 – Alexis Roy             |
| 1995 – Hugo Blomfield              | 1992 – Matthew Kerner       | 2000 – Patrice Roy            |
| 1997 – James Brooks                | 1994 – Jamin Kerner         | 1999 – Alexandre San Gregorio |
| 2000 – Christopher Brown           | 1995 – Taylor Lloyd         | 1995 – Francesco San Gregorio |
| 2002 – Alexander Bussandri         | 1995 – John MacDonald       | 1995 – Brandon Sant           |
| 2000 – Alan Cameron                | 1996 – Charles MacLean      | 2001 – Philip Schaffer        |
| 1999 – Samuel Carsley              | Staff – George Martin       | 2000 – Tristan Schulz         |
| 1991 – Lucas Carsley               | 1997 – Bradley Massi        | 1996 – James Seguin           |
| 1989 – William Carsley             | 1990 – Christian Matossian  | 1971 – Craig Shannon          |
| 2001 – Christopher Churchill-Smith | 1995 – David McKinnon       | 2001 – Trevor Shannon         |
| 2002 – Taylor Dixon                | 2002 – Scott McMillan       | 1995 – Benjamin Sharp         |
| 2002 – Arnold Engel                | 1995 – Richard Mezey        | 1986 – Peter Shatilla         |
| 2001 – Thomas Evans                | 2002 – Torrey Mitchell      | 1996 – Matthew Singerman      |
| 1995 – Robert Fargnoli             | 2000 – Joshua Mitchell      | 2000 – Benjamin Spencer       |
| 1974 – Bryan Fitzpatrick           | 1988 – John Mulder          | 1990 – Michael Teryazos       |
| 1996 – Joseph Flanders             | 1996 – Eric Pedicelli       | 1988 – Jason Tsadilas         |
| 1996 – Emlyn Gittens               | 1995 – Kyle-Sebastian Pilot | 1994 – Ben Wearing            |
| 2000 – Michael Gross               | 1977 – Kevin Ratcliff       | 1999 – Joshua Wisenthal       |
| 2000 – Conrad Harrington           | 1998 – Kevin Riggs          | 1997 – Nicholas Yanow         |
|                                    | 2000 – Edouard Robert-Morin | 2002 – Anthony Zammit         |

# Parent VOLUNTEERS

## Fall Event 2000 – a Millennium success story

By SANDY MARTZ, CO-ORDINATOR

What began as a modest garage sale eighteen years ago has evolved into a multi-faceted event of staggering proportions. Selwyn House School's Fall Event is an exciting happening attended by members of the entire Selwyn House family, as well as the Selwyn House community at large.

"Beyond our wildest dreams" is beginning to sound like a cliché, but once again, we are at a loss for words in describing our feelings of satisfaction and exhilaration. We measure this success on many levels. In dollars, our net profit hovers around \$89,000, representing an increase of \$15,000 over last year.

More importantly, this symbolizes the spirit and good will of the Selwyn House Community, which cannot be measured. The commitment and co-operative efforts of our very dedicated volunteer Fall Event Committee, Selwyn House faculty and staff, students, Old Boys and current and alumni parents combined to ensure that we would accomplish our goals.

Fall Event 2000 began Thursday evening, October 26, with the opening of the Silent Auction and a cocktail party.

On Friday, the Silent Auction continued, along with a cocktail hour, the Food Fair, Bake Sale, Craft Fair, and our newly initiated "Haunted House."

The festivities continued Saturday with our giant Garage Sale, and ongoing sales of our famous lasagnas, quiches and raffle tickets.



*Silent auction specialists, from left: Sheila Jablonski, Martha Beattie and Tracy Weinrich.*



*Barb Molson and Duncan Campbell '69 selling the ever-popular Selwyn House lasagnas.*



*Marc Schwarz 2000, left, and Chris Fanaberia 2000 lend a hand setting up the new shoe sale at the Garage Sale.*

### DONATIONS

At the Founder's Day morning assembly on November 22nd, the Fall Event committee was very proud to make the following donations:

- \$20,000 to the Selwyn House School Capital Campaign.
- \$25,000 to the Selwyn House School Trip Fund, which subsidizes academic and athletic trips.
- \$10,000 donated to the Haematology-Oncology Department of the Montreal Children's Hospital.
- \$10,000 toward updating computer technology at Selwyn House School.
- \$3,000 to the Conrad H. Harrington Scholarship Fund.
- \$2,000 to the Nancy Pitfield Memorial Fund, Canadian Cancer Society.
- \$1,500 to each of the following:

Concordia University's Centre for the Arts in Human Development, a facility offering creative arts therapy for developmentally disabled young adults.

Lucky Harvest Project, which provides therapeutic horseback riding for handicapped children.

- \$1,000 to:

Westmount Park School to help provide eyeglasses for needy students.

The Free the Children Foundation.

A heartfelt 'thank you' goes to everyone who played a part, big or small, in this memorable and rewarding endeavour.

## The 24th Annual Old Boys' Reunion is not far away...

...Friday, September 14, 2001.

Class Reps. and other interested Old Boys should contact the Advancement Office to help plan the party for their year. The Classes of 1951 (50 years), 1976 (25 years) and 1991 (10 years) will be highlighted. Organizers are still needed for the classes of 1951 and 1976. The more people involved, the better the turnout. The Advancement Office can help make your reunion a success. Call Sharon Cozens, Director, Alumni & Parent Relations, today (514-931-9481 ext. 228 or [cozenss@selwyn.ca](mailto:cozenss@selwyn.ca)).

### *Help Us Locate Our Lost Alumni In Time For The Reunion*

— 50 Years —

1951 Mitchell Bronfman  
Michael Ferrier  
Peter Romer  
Barry Carrique

Burke Lawrence  
Alasdair Macaulay  
Robert Orvig  
William Wallace

Christopher Hreno  
Yacov Landsman  
Chung Nguyen  
Kierra O'Regan  
Christopher Pasold

— 25 Years —

1976 Allan Chabassol  
James Fraser  
Ian Goodfellow

— 10 Years —

1991 Michael Broomfield  
Jay Buoizzi  
Joseph Copeland  
Nader Dibai

Dan Priel  
Colin Robertson  
Daniel Singer  
William Smithies

The Old Boys' Association's Board of Directors invites you to get away from the stress of work and participate in the 2nd Annual

# Old Boys' Tennis Tournament

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2001  
Hillside Tennis Club  
4818 Côte des Neiges, Montreal  
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
Doubles play on 3 courts

Tennis and Dinner  
Price: \$25 (cash bar)

Limited number of participants, so reserve early.  
Dinner guests welcome.

To register, please contact Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni & Parent Relations at 931-9481, ext. 228, [cozenss@selwyn.ca](mailto:cozenss@selwyn.ca)

1950

Peter Milner could not be present at his 50-year reunion because he was leading a canoe trip on Temagami Lake, an outing for his students at Rosseau Lake College. Peter is a teacher of Politics and Economics and is head of the Social Science department. He has taught at RLC for 11 years, with prior teaching posts at Bishop's and Sedbergh.

1957

Christopher Hyde has been named president of the World Wildlife Fund Foundation in Toronto. Chris, Nancy, Nicola, Boots and Fluffy now live in Toronto.

J. Kirwin "Kerry" Martin recently retired from teaching at Ridley College. He plans to spend extended summers in Métis Beach in the Gaspé Peninsula, autumns in Montreal, and winters in Chapala, Mexico.

1959

Steven Donald sends us the following anecdote: "One day after I had grown up, I encountered Dr. Speirs at a bus stop on Sherbrooke St. near the new school. He was very elderly but he stood tall and erect. I chimed out, 'Sir, you're looking very distinguished.' His quick reply was: 'I think you mean *extinguished*, don't you, Steven?'"

1960

"Thanks for the questionnaire," writes David Walker, who, for the past several months has been dividing his time between language teaching centres in Zimbabwe, Hungary, and the UK. "It's always good that Selwyn House keeps in touch."

1961

Ivan Ralston spent nine years at Selwyn House during the time when Dr. Speirs was known simply as Mr. Speirs. He then went to LCC for his senior years. Ivan works in Ottawa in the field of men's shoes. One of his many interests is race cars. Ivan keeps in touch with Eric Garland '61, who is retired and lives in the Laurentians. He remembers spending summers on



*The Sheaf-Penner wedding April 1, 2000 at Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal. From left: groomsmen Anthony Gerstein, Stephen Penner '83, Robert Landau, groom Michael Penner '86, Damien Sheaf, David James Cohen, George Sopel '86 and Josh Gradinger '87. The bride is Michaela Sheaf.*

Rick's Lake, where several Selwyn House families had cottages, including Peter Nixon '61 and former teacher Fred Tees, '44 who taught Latin and Scripture, and coached senior hockey.

1971

James Bergoffen has lived in the US for 23 years and had not been in contact with Selwyn House in over 30 years. He was prompted to re-establish contact when he saw former classmates on our "missing" page in the summer issue of *Veritas*, and was able to pass on a current address for a lost Old Boy. James attended Selwyn House for Grades 2-7, and looks back on his years here with fondness.

Chris Orvig is now a Professor of Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Director of the Medicinal Inorganic Chemistry Group in the Department of Chemistry at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

1976

Anatol von Hahn is currently based in Mexico City, where he recently

moved after living in Argentina for six years, Chile for five years, and Singapore for two years. His work commitments have moved him and his wife and two daughters around so much that Anatol has had little chance to visit Selwyn House since graduation. "If there are any Selwyn House graduates in Mexico City, I would be delighted to contact them and maybe even start a local SHS chapter," he writes.

1981

Alexander J. Hunger writes from London: "After years at Legal and General, I am leaving to join Volkswagen A.G. in Investors' Relations. I will still be located in London."

1982

Blair Sheridan has been living and working in the former Soviet Union for five years, as a consultant to non-governmental organizations, mostly women's and environmental groups in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. He is married to a Russian woman, Tatiana Sedova, and they have a 1-1/2-year-old daughter





*The wedding party of Anthony Zitzmann '89.*

*From left: bridesmaids Peggy O'Neil and Suzanne Dufour, bride Nancy Dufour, Anthony Zitzmann '89, and ushers and Selwyn House Old Boys Minya Gavrilovic '89 and Andrew Zitzmann '84.*

Katherine, called Katya. "It's hard to get her to realize that Daddy hasn't always lived here and that he comes from a place far, far away," Blair writes. "Selwyn House yearbooks may help in that, as well as bring a smile to my face as I remember events of 20-plus years ago."

**Grant Daly** married Christina Winfield in September at a ceremony held at Victoria College Chapel on the campus of the University of Toronto, with a reception at the Faculty Club. In attendance was **David Ham '83**, as well as father of the groom **William Daly '52** and brother **David '80**. "The weather was good, the band was great and everyone had fun!" Grant reports.

**Chris Eberts** has set up a new movie production company called Screenworks Media, to produce films in Canada for international distribution. Their first project, called *Liberty Stands Still*, is now being shot in Vancouver. Chris' most successful film to date is *The Watcher*, starring Keanu Reeves, James Spader, and Marisa Tomei. When Chris' movie-

producer uncle, Jake Eberts, heard of his nephew's plans to follow in his footsteps, he said he was "out of his mind." Chris says he would say the same thing to any young person contemplating the same career move. "I've had to sacrifice my life in its entirety for 12 years," Chris told *The Gazette*.

## 1983

**Geoffrey Moore** defeated former National Junior Champion John Tokos in singles at the Canadian National 35+ Tennis Championships at Mont Tremblant in August. He finished 13th after a closely fought 6-4, 6-3 loss to fifth-ranked Marius King. In doubles, Geoff teamed with Dariusz Kozak for a thrilling, come-from-behind quarter-final victory over former National Champions and second seeds Mike Puc and Len Simard. Geoff and Dariusz won five points in a row to squeeze out the upset.

## 1984

**Tarek Razek** recently returned from a two-year fellowship in trauma surgery and surgical critical care at the

University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. His new position is at the MUHC (Montreal General site) as a trauma/general surgeon and a critical care physician. His main project involves improving the trauma system here in Montreal and Quebec with broader goals of establishing disaster response teams for national and international work.

## 1985

**Patrick Jabal** married Kimberly A. Duckett of Chicago on September 16, 2000. The wedding was held in Beaver Creek, Colorado. Kimberly and Patrick both graduated from Harvard Business School in the spring of 2000 with master's degrees in business administration. They are presently living in California where Patrick is the chief executive officer of Siteburst Inc., and Kimberly is working in technology investment banking for Goldman Sachs.

**Ed Neuenschwander** writes from Switzerland: "After long studies at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, I am now working as relationship officer at AIG Private Bank in Geneva. The Bank is a subsidiary of the American International Group of New York. If any Old Boy is interested in this or is just visiting Switzerland, I would encourage him to write to my e-mail address at: e.neuenschwander@aigpb.com."

## 1986

**Paul Capombassis** has been working for the past three years as a sales representative for an engineering software company known as Parametric Technology Corp. He spent one year in Montreal, one year in Boston and now has been promoted to VP of Sales and is stationed in England, where he has been for a year.

**Michael Penner** married Michaela Sheaf in April 2000. (See photo page 22.)

**George C. Sopol** recently joined Arthur D. Little, Inc. as Associate



At the Ritchie-Beckerleg wedding, from left: Ian Ritchie, Neville Quinlan '88, John Mulder '88, Patrick McIntyre '92, Jamie Ritchie '88, Jason Tsadilas '88, Matthew Beckerleg '94, Michael Avedesian '88, and Ray Ritchie '85.

General Counsel, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Little operates in over 30 countries and has more than 3,000 employees. Prior to this, George worked as in-house counsel for a software firm, and in private law practice in Montreal and Boston.

Sywa Sung writes from San Francisco: "While my Architecture degree from U of Toronto turned out not to be the specific direction I ended up going, it has now been an essential key to everything I've done since, especially in how it has allowed me to work in the US under the NAFTA agreement. I am going to have to adjust to working from home now that I am contracting to Pixar."

1988

David Moroz is doing a post-doctoral fellowship in Physics at the University of California at San Deigo.

Jamie Ritchie married SHS Grade 1 teacher Emily Beckerleg (sister of Matthew Beckerleg '94) on August 5. (See photo above.)

1989

Anthony Zitzmann married Nancy Dufour in August. (See photo page 23)

The family of Paul Guinness and his wife, Cheryl, has expanded. Daniel Gregory was born October 24, 2000, a brother to Joshua.

David Meisels appeared in a play at the Centaur Theatre in December, entitled *You Can't Take it With You*, by Moss Hart and George F. Kaufman. Last June he graduated from McGill with a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering, after five years of night classes.

1990

Alexander Novak married Caroline Carrier in Montreal in May. They are expecting a baby boy in March.

Fabio Moscatelli is working and playing in Whistler, BC.

1991

Kris Green is now living in Gramercy Park in Manhattan. After graduating from McGill in finance and studying for a year at École supérieure des sciences commerciales in France, he worked for Atticus Capital, initially in investment banking in Toronto, then in asset-backed trading in New York. He is now a vice-president with Atticus.

Joel Guinness and his wife, Jill, moved from Pierrefonds at the end of the summer to Nashville, Tennessee, where Joel is developing his music and songwriting gifts.

Charles Tingley, after spending his last year of law school at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, graduated from McGill with a BCL and LL.B. He is now articling with three judges at the Federal Court of Appeal in Ottawa, and is considering whether to go back to New York, where he was working for the firm of White and Case.

1993

Bryan Guinness and his fiancée Erin Cooney of Montreal will marry on July 14, 2001. Bryan's father, Rev. Robin Guinness, will officiate.

Thomas Pitfield is working for IBM as an "e-business" consultant in Toronto. His previous jobs include working as an Internet consultant in China, and serving four summers as a Captain in the Coast Guard.

1994

Jamin Kerner is now living in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and working in investment banking for the firm of Robertson and Stephens. He recently visited Dorothy Walling's Grade 3 class at Selwyn House and spoke to her students about his achievements and how people can reach their goals.

1995

Will Cobbett is studying International Business at the London School of Economics.

Tal Pinchevsky graduated with a BA in Political Science and English from McGill in 2000. He recently started an on-line publication entitled *Random Magazine* ([www.random-mag.com](http://www.random-mag.com)) and is now in the process of moving to New York to work at *Gear*, a men's magazine published by Bob Guccione.

1996

**Javier Arias** extends his greetings to the Selwyn House faculty from his new home in Madrid, Spain. He can be reached at javierall@hotmail.com

**Yan Besner** will graduate this spring with a Bachelor of Civil Law degree from the Université de Montréal, and will start working at Fraser Millner Casgrain in Montreal in May.

1997

**Carl Dholandas** will graduate from Acadia University this May with a degree in Political Science.

**Michael Durcak** is in his last year at Harvard, and is working on a photographic thesis dealing with the psychology involved in self-image and self-consciousness as it pertains to self-representation in portraiture. As part of this project, he is planning to do a series of portraits of Selwyn House Grade 1 and 2 students.

**Riccardo van Lamsweerde** writes from Italy, "I am always extremely pleased to receive news from my old school. Although my ex-classmates have all headed off to different careers, I would very much like writing via e-mail through the Old Boys' Association."

1998

**Hans Black** is working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree at Union College in New York, majoring in History and Political Science.

**Tim Lymberiou** is now in Pre-Med at McGill. At graduation from Vanier College, Tim received the Academic Excellence award, the Gustav Levinschi Scholarship, and the Faculty of Science and Core Award for being ranked first in his department in Health Science. Along with **Jonathan How '98**, Tim is one of three Vanier grads who went directly into Pre-Med at McGill.

**Chris Sakara** made the Dean's High Honour roll for two years running at Hotchkiss in Connecticut, before graduating Cum Laude. He now

attends the Robert McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

1999

**David Cameron** has received a bursary from Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf, for demonstrating initiative and excellence during his high school studies.

**Seth Ross** has been admitted to the Academic Excellence Opportunity programme at the Richard Ivey School of Business in London, Ontario, which requires a grade standing of above 90 per cent. Seth has also received the Chancellor's Scholarship from Queen's University.

**Michael Sanford**, in addition to maintaining a grade average at or near the top of all his classes at Dawson College, has been an "independent affiliate" of Virtualis Systems Inc. since January 1988. Virtualis was recently named by DevNet as the world's number-two Web hosting company. A few months ago Michael was named as one of the organization's top twenty most contributing members among 45,000 affiliates in 180 countries. Michael is also head Mac lab technician at Dawson. "I am constantly trying to outperform myself," Michael writes, "though I may not have realized it at the time, it was Selwyn that gave this gift to me."

2000

**Jonathan Verrall** won 2nd prize in Class A of the 2000 Commonwealth Essay Competition with his story "Transcendence," in which an imaginary alien makes observations about life on earth.

2004

**Nicholas Scammell** and his brother, **Sam '06**, have reportedly settled well into their school in Australia. Sam has been chosen to play district basketball for a club, as well as his school and church. Nick started rowing this past fall and has been doing extremely well with his studies in German and Chinese.

2006

**Sayanran Mukhopadhyay** writes from the Arabian Desert: "I miss Selwyn House from the bottom of my heart and the place I call home, Canada. I still remember the faces of my teachers, Ms. Walling, Ms. McMurdo and Miss Beckerleg, as well as my friends who will be in Grade 6 now: Jonas Briedas, Nicholas Congram, Kai Gardhouse and James McQueen. I wish them the best of luck, and if they could please write me a letter, that would be great. Thanks, Selwyn House, for the two years of fun."

## The Veritas Players

present

The Selwyn House Senior Play

### *A Flea In Her Ear*

By Georges Feydeau

Thursday April 19 at 7:30 pm

Friday April 20 at 7:30 pm

Saturday April 21 at 7:30 pm

Suggested donation \$5

"Spiced with an array of comic ingredients, the play transports us swiftly from a Paris drawing room to the Cuddly Kitten Hotel at Montretout, the scene for a cocktail of chaos that could only be constructed by a master of stagecraft. In setting a trap for her husband, Madame Chandebise discovers her own lover in the hotel, as well as the spitting image of her husband, dressed as a porter. Confusion reigns supreme as Feydeau launches his characters into a helter-skelter plot of escalating hilarity."

— Nicholas Dromgoole

Selwyn House is happy to receive memorabilia for its archives.

Please call  
the Advancement Office  
at 931-9481  
if you have anything  
to contribute.



*Ivanovici-Soutar*

Selwyn House Drama Teacher **Alex Ivanovici** married **Annabel Soutar** on December 16, 2000 at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Knowlton, Quebec. The reception was held at the Lakeview Inn in Knowlton. In attendance were SHS teachers **Emily Ritchie** and **Jaime McMillan**, as well as the following Old Boys: **Adam Soutar '85**, **James Soutar '83**, **Chris Clark '86**, **Derek Bradeen '91**, **Mike Kronish '86**, **Mike Avedesian '88**, **Greg Raïkes '89**, **Peter Morden '86**, **Rob Briscoe '87**, **Jamie Ritchie '88**, **Kevin O'Brien '89**, and **Jason Tsadilas '88**. (See photo above.)

Former Secondary School Assistant **Blanca Baquero** writes: "This year I coached the Public Speaking contestants at Fleming School here in Sept-Îles as well as those from Riverview School in Port Cartier. Returning from the regional competition, on the boat from Baie Comeau to Matane, I was chatting with a Baie Comeau teacher who turned out to be an Old Boy, **Stephen Kohner '80**, who says he likes living in Baie Comeau very much."



*Phillips-Briand*

Selwyn House Science Teacher **Dean Phillips** married **Elise Briand** on August 26, 2000, with service and reception at St. Phillip's Church in Montreal West.

Former Grade 4 Teacher **Gayle (Jewer) McGinnis** and her husband, **Greg**, had a baby girl on September 25th. Her name is **Avery**, and she was born at Women's College Hospital in downtown Toronto, weighing in at 7 lbs. 9 oz. "She is beautiful (no bias here)," **Gayle** writes. "Everyone is well, although Dad is a little shell-shocked."

Former French Teacher **Maria-Cristina Cortoni** writes from Russia: "Living in Moscow has its ups and downs, but travelling from here is great. The girls and I are off to Egypt for a week's holidays with families from the French Lycée."

A special reception honouring the life of former Selwyn House parent and Board member, the late **Conrad H. Harrington**, was held at the Royal Victoria Hospital on December 21. The RVH Foundation hosted the event to recognize the purchase of equipment for the Hospital's ALS clinic made possible through donations in the late Mr. Harrington's memory.



*Beckerleg-Ritchie*

Selwyn House Grade 1 teacher **Emily Beckerleg** married Old Boy **Jamie Ritchie '88** on August 5. The wedding was in Knowlton, with the service at Iron Hill Chapel and the reception at Emily's parents' home. (See photo above.)

**Liana Palko** and her husband, **Chris**, have a new son, **Matthew Kenneth**, born on October 27, weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Former teacher **Carla Burke**, her husband, **Jeffrey**, and son **Tristan** have an addition to the family: **Amelia May**, born August 17, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz.

**Jennifer Wells** was married this past October in Shelburne, Ontario. The groom is **Michael Bain**. He teaches Science at UCC. **Jennifer** is teaching Math and Chemistry.

## OBITUARIES

**G.M. Howard Hodges '26** passed away last August at the age of 87 in North Vancouver.

**Charles (Chuck) Johnson '34** died at home with his family in Ottawa on February 6. He is survived by his wife, **Cecilia (Bonnie)**, his children **Leigh**, **Jennifer**, **Andrea**, **Henry** and **Neil**, as well as his brother **Robert** and sister **Ann**. **Charles** was chairman of **JWI Group** and director of **AstenJohnson**.

**Mrs. Irma Kerner**, mother of **Skip Kerner**, grandmother of **Matthew '92** and **Jamin '94**, died on Tuesday, February 27, 2001.

**J. Ross LeMesurier '38** died in May 2000.

**Mr. J. Frédéric Pitre**, father of **Andrew J. Pitre 2000**, and husband of **Diane Pitre**, died on October 1, 2000, of pancreatic cancer.

# Keep in touch!

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## Alumni Satisfaction Survey

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Thank you for sending me (twice, in fact!) your request to complete the Alumni Satisfaction Survey. However, since I left Selwyn House in 1942, I fear that few of my responses would be relevant.

I should, however, like to state that my years at the School, even though they were in an almost prehistoric era, were absolutely critical in determining my subsequent career, which until my retirement was entirely in the academic world. Even though when I was a student there was no formal instruction in the sciences, the scholarly ambience of the place was an inspiration to anyone with an enquiring mind, which I like to think I had and, I believe, still have; and my career in scientific research has been most satisfying. I count myself very fortunate indeed in having been exposed to the learning and leadership of the men who were my schoolmasters at that time, and I remember them with gratitude and affection.

From all that I read in *Veritas* and hear from other sources, Selwyn House has continued in the same stream of academic excellence. Long may it continue; and I wish you and all your staff great success in the future.

Hugh McLennan, Professor Emeritus  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

As I believe I am the only surviving member of the class of 1928, I don't find that I could contribute to your Alumni Satisfaction survey.

However, I might recount a few facts from my two-year period (1926-1928) at Selwyn House.

At that time the School was a three-storey row house on MacKay Street on the west side, several houses below the land just below Sherbrooke Street that goes from east to west and then turns south below the School building.

I believe our class, at least in the graduation year, was on the top floor. Our principal teacher was the Ancient Mariner, Mr. Anstey (known as Joe). In those days there was no meal served. We all, including Joe, brought our own lunches, including milk.

Once a week we had a fire drill. Our escape route was a big tube of canvas in which we went from the windowsill in one swoop to the small yard in the back.

At the end of my graduation year (1928) Mr. Anstey took the whole class of fifteen to Belmont Park in Cartierville by the number seventeen streetcar. It was a great treat. Somewhere there is a photo of the graduating class sprawled over the back steps.

Have a good holiday and all the best for 2001.

Thomas B. King '28  
Westmount

## Well prepared

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

My son David graduated from Selwyn house in June, 1999; and Alan in June, 2000. David is now completing his Baccalauréat International in health sciences at Collège Brébeuf, and Alan is well into his D.E.C. in social sciences at Marianopolis College.

When I see both David and Alan attacking their college studies with courage and good spirit, self discipline and more than satisfactory results, while keeping up with more friends and almost as many extracurricular activities as they did at Selwyn House, I must acknowledge that much of the credit for this comes from their education at Selwyn House. In work habits, knowledge, social and civic graces, they were well prepared.

Our thanks are due to you and all of the Selwyn House staff. We are very pleased, and are both glad now to have made the effort to send to boys to Selwyn House.

Please accept this donation to the Veritas Fund as a sign of our appreciation. May it help Selwyn House maintain the independence and the standards of education that we have enjoyed for David and Alan.

With best regards,  
Hugh Cameron and Heather Hume  
(Parents of Alan 2000 and David 1999)

## Harker Prize

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Thank you for the wonderful yearbook. I am sure my family will enjoy it as much as I have. I was pleased that a Byron Harker Prize for Literature was given to a graduate. I am sure he would also be pleased. We are all well and busy. We miss Byron and our mom (both passed away within six months of one another), but life goes on.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Bascom  
(Sister of Dr. Byron Harker)

## Thank you, Selwyn House

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

Our firm, Brockhouse and Cooper Inc., proudly employs seven (and, over the years, has employed nine) Selwyn House graduates of a total Montreal-based staff complement of thirty-seven. Thank you, Selwyn House.

Ralph Loader  
Father of Ryan '93

## ERRATA

Our apologies to **Gandhar Chakravarty '96** and **Mallar Chakravarty '94** for printing incorrect information about their current activities. Ideally, Old Boys send us information about themselves for publication in *Veritas*. Occasionally, we receive information from other sources which we cannot always verify. We apologize for any inaccuracies.

# Birdies for bursaries

## Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament

Monday, May 28, 2001

1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start.

In support of financial  
aid for deserving  
Selwyn House students.

Join us for a day of golf  
at the historic

Kanawaki Golf Club.

All Old Boys, parents,  
friends and staff are  
invited to participate.

\$200 registration  
fee includes:

- Lunch
- Practice range and balls
- Golf carts or caddies
- Refreshments
- Cocktail hour
- Dinner with wine
- All taxes and gratuities

Sponsorships and  
raffle prizes welcome

**Register now!**

Registration deadline May 1, 2001.

Contact Sharon Cozens, Director, Alumni & Parent Relations,  
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Payment: VISA, MasterCard, American Express,  
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